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MS150612.01/MSFTP140USAMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system which facilitates electronic shopping, comprising:
a graphical image component to resid[[ing]]e on a user interface;
a search engine component to be associated with the graphical image component, the search engine component to identify[[ing]] items from a plurality of different merchants based on user indicated criteria and to aggregat[[ing]]e and return[[ing]] items having the user indicated criteria to the graphical image component for display and selection by a user;
a shopping basket component to be associated with the graphical image component, the shopping basket component to provid[[ing]]e drag and drop capabilities wherein, the drag and drop capabilities to allow the user to select[[s]] items by dragging and dropping representations of the items from a plurality of different merchants into the graphical image component, the representations of the selected items having a description, the descriptions of the selected items being provided by the plurality of different merchants and retained by the shopping basket component; and
an ordering component to provid[[ing]]e for concurrent ordering purchasing of at least two selected items from different merchants without further intervention from a user, the search engine component, shopping basket component and ordering component to resid[[ing]]e on the user's computer;
the graphical image component, the search engine component, the shopping basket component and the ordering component implemented by computer-executable instructions stored on computer-readable media.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, the selected items from the plurality of different merchants having a common schema associated with the descriptions of the items.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 3, the common schema being an XML schema.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being an Internet browser.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, the user interface being a desktop of the user's computer and the shopping basket component being a desktop application associated with the graphical image component.
- 8-17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently amended) Computer-executable instructions for performing a method for facilitating electronic shopping, the computer-executable instructions stored on computer-readable media, the computer-executable instructions comprising:
 - ~~identifying items from a plurality of different merchants based on user indicated criteria;~~
 - ~~providing a representation of items for sale by two or more distinct merchants;~~
 - ~~linking the representation of each item to a respective description of each item, the descriptions conforming to a common schema and provided by the merchants;~~
 - providing a shopping basket component to reside on a user interface on a user's computer, wherein the shopping basket component to facilitate identifying items from a plurality of different merchants for purchase; and
 - providing an ordering component for to facilitate concurrent ordering purchasing of two or more identified items from different merchants without further intervention from a user.
19. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ computer-executable instructions of claim 18, wherein the items from a plurality of different merchants for purchase have a description conforming to a common schema, the common schema being an XML schema.

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20. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ computer-executable instructions of claim 18, the shopping basket component having drag and drop capabilities ~~wherein the user may drag and drop the representation of the items using a computer pointer.~~

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ computer-executable instructions of claim 20, the user interface being one of an Internet browser and a desktop application to resid[[ing]]e on [[the]]a user's computer.

23-30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently amended) A Computer readable medi[[um]]a having computer-executable components comprising:

a graphical image component to resid[[ing]]e on a user interface;

a search engine component to be associated with the graphical image component, the search engine component to facilitate identifying items from a plurality of disparate merchants based on user indicated criteria and to facilitate aggregating and returning items having the user indicated criteria to the graphical image component for display and selection by a user; and

a shopping basket component to be associated with the graphical image component wherein the shopping basket component is configured to provide[[s]] drag and drop capabilities ~~wherein the user may for dragging and dropping~~ representations of identified items from [[a]]the plurality of disparate merchants using a computer pointer into the graphical image component, the representations of the identified items to be associated with a description, the descriptions to be[[ing]] provided by the plurality of disparate merchants and the shopping basket component configured to retain[[ing]] the descriptions of the selected items; and

an ordering component ~~for to facilitate concurrent ordering purchasing of the at least two selected items, wherein at least two of the selected items are ordered from disparate merchants without further intervention from a user,~~ the search engine component, shopping basket component and ordering component to resid[[ing]]e on the user's computer.

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32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently amended) An electronic shopping cart system implemented by computer-executable instructions stored on computer-executable media, the computer-executable instructions coding for components, comprising:

an interface component to facilitate searching a plurality of disparate servers associated with two or more disparate merchants, ~~the merchants providing a description of one or more items for sale;~~

a selection component that facilitates employ[ing] the interface component to select items from at least two of the disparate ~~servers~~ merchants and to add the items to an electronic shopping basket through a drag and drop approach, wherein the electronic shopping basket is configured to allow descriptions of the at least two items from the disparate servers ~~can to~~ concurrently reside within the electronic shopping basket; and

an ordering component that facilitates ~~provides for~~ concurrent purchasing of the at least two selected items from the ~~disparate servers, wherein the at least two items are purchased from~~ at least two disparate merchants without further intervention from a user, the interface, electronic shopping basket and ordering component to resid[ing] on the purchaser's computer.

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising a wish list component that stores items that are automatically added to the electronic shopping basket when user defined criteria are met.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, the electronic shopping basket to be ~~is~~ invoked through one of an icon on a web browser and a selectable menu option.

36-37. (Canceled).

38. (Withdrawn) A method for processing orders associated with an electronic shopping cart, comprising:

graphically presenting products located in a merchant web site, the products are linked to a schema that provide drag and drop capabilities;

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utilizing the schema to add products to an electronic shopping basket by dragging products from the merchant site and dropping them in the electronic shopping basket; and concurrently ordering the products in the electronic shopping basket through electronic submission and authentication of a purchase order.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema provide a description of an associated product.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, respective schema include a list of attributes associated with the product represented.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, the attributes include one or more of a source, a description, a price, a link and a link to product details.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, further comprising displaying the products in a web browser.

43. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further ~~having~~ comprising a filtering component to limit the number of merchants.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an application programming interface wherein to facilitate interaction of the plurality of different merchants with the system ~~is facilitated by an application programming interface.~~

45. (Canceled).

46. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ computer-executable instructions of claim 18, further comprising a filtering component to limit the number of merchants.

47. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ computer-executable instructions of claim 18, wherein the method is implemented at least in part by an application programming interface.

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48. (Canceled).

49. (New) The electronic shopping cart system of claim 33, further comprising a filtering component to limit the number of merchants.

50. (Currently amended) The electronic shopping cart system of claim 33, further comprising an application programming interface wherein to facilitate interaction of the plurality of disparate servers with the system ~~is facilitated by an application programming interface.~~

51. (Canceled).